

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 7, line 18 as follows.

--In the recording material supplying portion 4, cassette feeding portions 41 and 42, which are capable of appropriately coping with the recording materials S of various sizes ranging from about a standard A3 size to A5 size, are provided in two stages. In the cassette feeding portion 41, the recording materials S are stored in a cassette 43. In supplying the recording materials S, the cassette 43 is pulled out from the image forming apparatus main body M to a front surface side (surface side in FIG. 2) to place the recording materials S therein. A pickup roller 44, a separation roller 45, and the like are provided in the cassette feeding portion 41. At the time of feeding the recording materials S, the pickup roller 44 falls in a direction of arrow P and is pressed against the uppermost recording material S among the large number of recording materials S stacked in the cassette 43 and, at the same time, rotates in a direction of arrow F, whereby feeding of the recording material S starts. The uppermost recording material S started to be fed is separated from the other recording materials S by the separation roller 45 and, then, conveyed in a direction of ~~arrow D~~ arrow Z, conveyed to a registration roller 51 by the conveying roller 46, and stopped once in the registration roller 51.--